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Applicant: Kazuhiko NAKANE et al. Conf.: 4518
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For: AN OPTICAL DISK, AN OPTICAL DISK DEVICE,
AND A METHOD OF MANAGING DEFECTS IN AN
OPTICAL DISK (As Amended)

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Sir:


Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on January 24, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, attached hereto is an English translation of a German Official Action dated December 12, 2001, which cites the documents filed in the IDS.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this supplemental information or the previously-filed IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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